Protection of Young Widows

@*166. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that young widows of the country suffer from domestic violence, financial deprivation and cruel treatment;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have received a memorandum in this regard; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to bring a specific legislation for their protection from these atrocities ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) The problems faced by young widows in the country are part of the overall socio-economic deprivations that women sometimes face as a result of social discrimination and biases.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Considering that adequate legislation exists with regard to protection of widows, there is no proposal to bring any specific legislation. However, Government has been reviewing the various legislations affecting women with particular reference to their matrimonial and property rights, protection from violence and related matter.

Satellite Towns Around Delhi

*167. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the satellite towns around Delhi included in the National Capital Region Development Programme;

(b) the details of the schemes drawn for these towns and funds allocated;

(c) the progress made so far under the programme;

(d) whether NOIDA has been included in the said programme;

(e) if so, whether NOIDA Development Plan is being enlarged to develop more areas to make it a greater NOIDA; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL) : (a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

Satellite Towns Around Delhi

The Regional Plan 2001 framed by the National Capital Region Planning Board envisages development of towns as below :

(a) *DELHI METROPOLITAN AREA TOWNS*

1. Gurgaon 2. Faridabad 3. Bahadurgarh 4. Kondli 5. Ghaziabad 6. NOIDA.

(b) *PRIORITY TOWNS*

1. Panipat. 2. Rohtak 3. Palwal 4. Rewari-Dharuhera-Bhiwani Complex 5. Meerut 6. Hapur 7. Bulandshahar-Khurja Complex 8. Alwar

(c) *COUNTER MAGNET TOWNS*

1. Hissar 2. Gwalior 3. Patiala 4. Kota 5. Bareilly.

@Previously Starred Question 86 transferred from 30th April, 1993.

2. Sixty one (61) specific development projects were sponsored by the Government of India/National Capital Region Planning Board in some of the towns mentioned above. Details of schemes sponsored and expenditure incurred upto December, 1992 town-wise is as indicated below :

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Towns	No. of Schemes	Funds Allocated	Expenditure incurred upto Dec., 1992
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Haryana			
1.	Rewari	2	34.00	4.32
2.	Dharuhera	1	8.00	11.49
3.	Rohtak	1	200.00	567.74
4.	Gurgahn	6	1072.35	3858.59
5.	Panipat	5	607.50	1536.32
	Uttar Prahesh			
6.	Meerut	12	3616.50	8647.86
7.	Bulandshahar	2	126.00	27.93
8.	Khurja	1	50.00	10.00
9.	Hapur	1	99.00	233.12
	Rajasthan			
10.	Alwar	27	826.25	1472.65
11.	Bhiwadi	3	2057.00	2960.27

3. As may be seen from the above, NOIDA is one of the Delhi Metropolitan Area Towns identified for development in the National Capital Region Plan. NOIDA development plant is now being enlarged to make it Greater NOIDA.

Medium Irrigation Projects in Assam

*168. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of medium irrigation projects in Assam spilled over to Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the estimated cost of these projects and the expenditure incurred thereon so far; and

(c) by when those are likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.